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1. SUMMARY-THIS TEL REPORTS PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION WITH GOF OFFICIAL RE PROGRAMMING OF OFFICIAL VISIT TO US EARLY SEPT. BY STATE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION CAVAILLE END SUMMARY.

2. AT MEETING JULY 24 WITH BRUNEAU OF CAVAILLE'S CABINET WE INFORMED HIM ON BASIS PIEPER TELCON THAT PROPOSED DATES OF SEPT. 8-14 WERE ACCEPTABLE TO WASHINGTON FOR CAVAILLE VISIT. BRUNEAU WAS APPRECIATIVE OF THIS CONFIRMATION OF WHICH HE HAD ALSO JUST LEARNED BY TELEX FROM LANSALOT-BASOU.

3. BRUNEAU SAID THAT LANSALOT-BASOU HAD SKETCHED OUT A SUGGESTED PROGRAM AND HAD IN PARTICULAR EXPRESSED VIEW THAT PROPOSED DURATION WAS TOO SHORT AND IT SHOULD BE EXTENDED AT LEAST TO SEPT. 16. WE ALERTED BRUNEAU TO FACT THAT GERMAN AND ITALIAN TRANSPORT MINISTERS RESPECTIVELY WOULD BE VISITING US WEEK BEFORE AND WEEK AFTER CAVAILLE; THIS COULD POSE SOME PROBLEMS OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE NATURE IN THE SCHEDULING BUT WE ASSUMED THAT THESE COULD

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BE WORKED OUT. LANSALOT-BASOU'S SUGGESTED PROGRAM AS OUT-

LINED TO US BY BRUNEAU WAS AS FOLLOWS:

EVENING SEPT. 7--ARRIVE WASHINGTON, D.C.

SEPT. 8--MEETINGS WITH USG OFFICIALS (DOT, STATE, CAB,
AND PERHAPS ALSO MARAD).

SEPT. 9--VISIT TO TRANSPORTATION INSTALLATIONS IN WASH-
INGTON, E.G. SUBWAY PROJECT, PRIORITY BUS LANES, BUS
TELECONTROL OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS. (COMMENT:WE ASKED
WHETHER THERE WAS INTEREST IN VISITING DULLES AIRPORT.
BRUNEAU DOUBTED IT).

SEPT. 10--MORGANTOWN; DALLAS/FORT WORTH TO INSPECT LTV
SYSTEM. (N.B. BRUNEAU SAID CAVAILLE WAS NOT
INTERESTED IN VISITING AIRPORT AS SUCH.)

SEPT. 11--PUEBLO TEST CENTER.

SEPT. 12--LOS ANGELES--VISIT TO MCDONNELL DOUGLAS AND
LOCKHEED; POSSIBILITY OF VISIT ALSO TO
CONTAINER PORT AT LONG BEACH.

SEPT. 13 AND 14--SAN FRANCISCO--VISIT TO BART AND
PERHAPS ALSO TO ATC REGIONAL CENTER. FREE
TIME.

SEPT. 15--SEATTLE--VISIT TO BOEING.

SEPT. 16--CHICAGO--VISIT O'HARE AIRPORT; DEPART FOR
PARIS IN EVENING.

4. BRUNEAU SAID THAT HE WAS INSTRUCTING LANSALOT-BASOU
THAT SOME CONTACT WITH GENERAL ELECTRIC SHOULD ALSO BE
FITTED INTO THE PROGRAM. IT WOULD BE UNTHINKABLE, HE
SAID, FOR CAVAILLE TO VISIT US AND NOT TO MEET WITH GE
OFFICIALS IN VIEW OF GE PARTNERSHIP WITH SNECMA IN
CFM-56 ENGINE PROJECT.

5. WHILE COMPOSITION OF CAVAILLE PARTY IS NOT YET
DEFINITELY DECIDED, BRUNEAU SAID MINISTER WOULD
PROBABLY BE ACCOMPANIED BY FIVE OFFICIALS FROM PARIS
PLUS LANSALOT-BASOU, MEANING PARTY WOULD TOTAL AT LEAST
SEVEN PERSONS. OFFICIALS FROM PARIS
WOULD PROBABLY BE BRUNEAU (FIRST NAME ALAIN),
TECHNICAL ADVISER (CIVIL AVIATION) IN MINISTER'S
CABINET; CLAUDE GAILLARD, TECHNICAL ADVISER (SURFACE
TRANSPORTATION) IN MINISTER'S CABINET; CLAUDE ABRAHAM,
DIRECTOR OF AIR TRANSPORT AT SECRETARIAT GENERAL OF
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CIVIL AVIATION (SGAC) AND CHARGE DE MISSION IN
MINISTER'S CABINET; GEORGES DOBIAS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR
OF SURFACE TRANSPORTATION, STATE SECRETARIAT OF
TRANSPORTATION; AND PERHAPS ONE OTHER OFFICIAL.

6. IT IS NOT RPT NOT NOW PLANNED THAT MME. CAVAILLE
WILL ACCOMPANY HER HUSBAND. WE ASKED BRUNEAU TO ALERT
US SOONEST IF THERE WERE POSSIBILITY SHE WOULD GO

ALONG, SINCE THIS WOULD AFFECT ADVANCE PLANNING.

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7. WHEN WE MENTIONED THAT DOT WOULD NORMALLY PROVIDE AIRCRAFT FOR CAVAILLE'S TRAVEL WITHIN US, WHICH THUS MADE IT ALL THE MORE NECESSARY TO AVOID CONFLICT WITH OTHER MINISTERIAL VISITS FOR REASONS OF AIRCRAFT DEPLOYMENT, BRUNEAU SAID IT WAS POSSIBLE CAVAILLE MIGHT CHOOSE TRAVEL WITHIN US ABOARD AEROSPATIALE-BUILT AND OPERATED CORVETTE EXECUTIVE JET. (COMMENT: AEROSPATIALE HAS ARRANGEMENT WITH FIRM NAMED AIR CENTER IN OKLAHOMA CITY FOR OUTFITTING CORVETTES FOR MARKETING IN US. CAVAILLE TRAVEL VIA CORVETTE WOULD BE MEANS FOR HIM TO DISPLAY CONFIDENCE IN FRENCH PRODUCT AND PROVIDE SOME SALES PROMOTION. HOWEVER, ACCORDING BRUNEAU, CORVETTE IN QUESTION IS CONFIGURED TO CARRY ONLY SEVEN OR EIGHT PASSENGERS. IN OTHER WORDS, IT COULD PROBABLY TRANSPORT ONLY GOF DELEGATION IF DELEGATION CONSISTS OF SEVEN PERSONS AS INDICATED PARA 5 ABOVE, AND PERHAPS ONLY ONE USG ESCORT OFFICIAL IF AIRCRAFT CAPACITY IS EIGHT PASSENGERS. IF CAPACITY INADEQUATE TO INCLUDE USG ESCORT OR IF ESCORT IS TO COMPRISE MORE

THAN ONE USG OFFICIAL, THEN SECOND AIRCRAFT (DOT)
WOULD BE REQUIRED. USE OF DOT AIRCRAFT ALONGSIDE
CORVETTE WOULD MEAN NO COST-SAVING TO USG AND MIGHT
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JUST COMPLICATE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS. IT SEEMS TO US
THAT IF USE OF DOT AIRCRAFT TO TRANSPORT ENTIRE
PARTY WOULD SIMPLIFY PLANNING (AND ALSO LEAVE TRAVEL
AND ITINERARY IN OUR FULL CONTROL), THEN IT SHOULD
NOT BE DIFFICULT TO DISSUADE FRENCH FROM
INSISTING ON USE OF CORVETTE SINCE NORMALLY THEY
WOULD BE EXPECTED ACCEPT OUR HOSPITALITY (INCLUDING OUR
AIRCRAFT) THROUGHOUT AN OFFICIAL VISIT AT OUR
INVITATION, JUST AS GOF PROVIDED TRANSPORTATION
(MERCURE, AIRBUS AND CONCORDE) FOR TRANSPORTATION
WITHIN FRANCE OF SECRETARY BRINEGAR AND PARTY DURING
HIS OFFICIAL VISIT TWO YEARS AGO.)

8. WE ASKED BRUNEAU WHETHER CAVAILLE HAD ANY PARTI-
CULAR INTERESTS OR HOBBIES OF WHICH ACCOUNT MIGHT BE
TAKEN IN STRUCTURING PROGRAM. BRUNEAU KNEW OF NO
HOBBIES BUT STRESSED THAT CAVAILLE DISLIKED CITIES
AND WAS MUCH INTERESTED IN NATURE AND WILDLIFE. WE
ASKED WHETHER, FOR EXAMPLE, CAVAILLE MIGHT THEREFORE
FIND IT ENJOYABLE AND RESTFUL IF ITINERARY COULD, TO
EXTENT FEASIBLE, INVOLVE VISIT TO (OR EVEN FLYING OVER
IF SCHEDULE WAS TIGHT) A NATIONAL PARK OR OTHER
PARTICULARLY SCENIC AREA OF US. BRUNEAU
THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE GOOD IDEA. DOT MAY WISH EXPLORE
FURTHER VIA LANSALOT-BASOU.

9. BRUNEAU SUGGESTED IT MIGHT BE SIMPLEST IF
LANSALOT-BASOU WERE LEFT TO FIRM UP PROGRAM DIRECTLY
WITH DOT. WE AGREED THIS WOULD BE BY FAR THE BEST
PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENT, THOUGH WE EXPECTED DOT WOULD
KEEP EMBASSY INFORMED AS PLANNING PROGRESSED ENABLING
EMBASSY TO BE FURTHER IN TOUCH WITH BRUNEAU DIRECTLY
IF AND AS NEEDED.

10. WE NOTED OMISSION NEW YORK FROM SUGGESTED
PROGRAM. BRUNEAU SAID THERE WAS NO INTEREST IN VISITING
NEW YORK.

11. CAVAILLE CAN UNDERSTAND SOME ENGLISH BUT OFTEN
REQUIRES OR REQUESTS TRANSLATION. IF HE CAN SPEAK
ENGLISH HE IS RELUCTANT TO DO SO, FOR HE HAS ALWAYS
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SPOKEN IN FRENCH WITH ENGLISH-SPEAKING VISITORS AT
MEETINGS WITH HIM WHICH WE HAVE ATTENDED.
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